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SELECTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS
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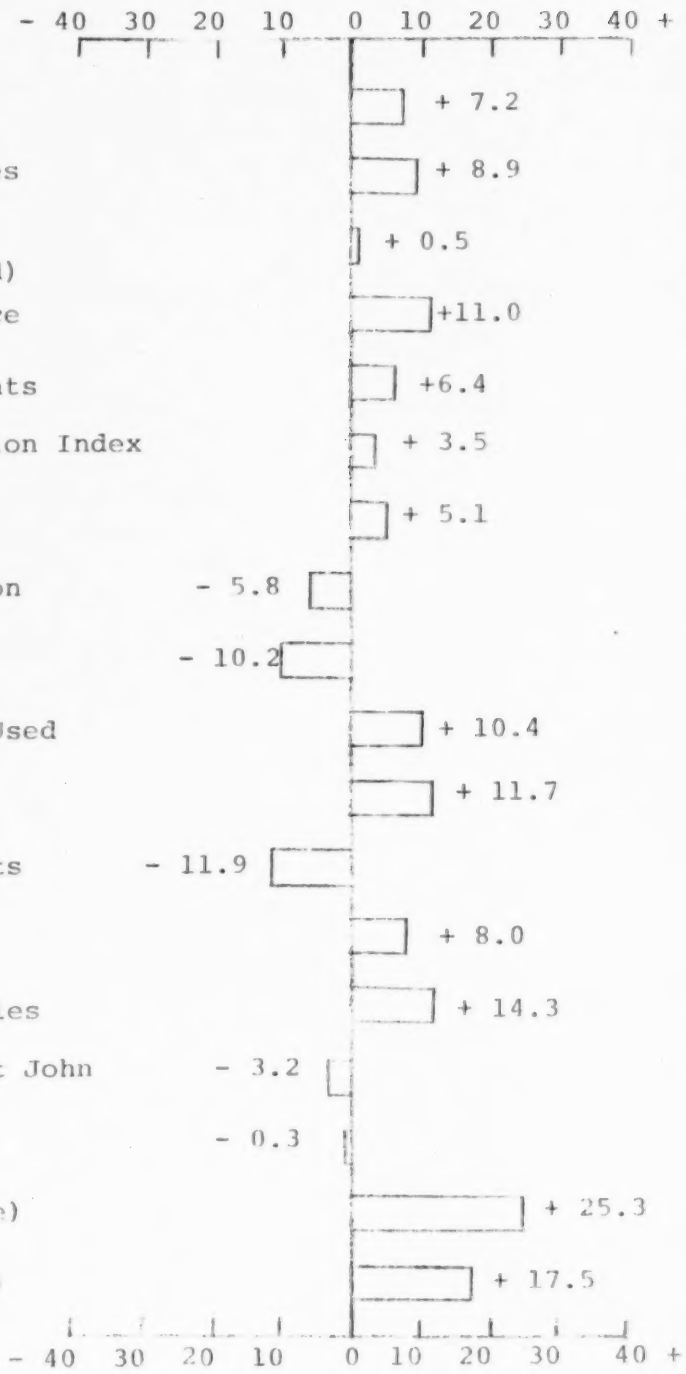
Percentage Change 68/67

Period	Economic Indicator	
68/67	GPP Estimate	+ 7.2
Jan.-June	Total Wages & Salaries	+ 8.9
Jan.-Aug.	Employment Index (seasonally adjusted)	+ 0.5
Jan.-Sept.	Unemployment Insurance Benefits Payments	+11.0
Jan.-July	Manufacturing Shipments	+6.4
3Q./3Q.	Pulp & Paper Production Index	+ 3.5
Jan.-Sept.	Pulpwood Production	+ 5.1
Jan.-Sept.	Sawn Lumber Production	- 5.8
Jan.-Sept.	Coal Production	- 10.2
Jan.-Sept.	Net Electric Energy Used	+ 10.4
Jan.-July	Building Permits	+ 11.7
Jan.-Oct.	Construction Contracts	- 11.9
Jan.-Sept.	Retail Trade	+ 8.0
Jan.-Sept.	New Motor Vehicle Sales	+ 14.3
Jan.-Oct.	Port Traffic at Saint John	- 3.2
Jan.-Sept.	Cheques Cashed	- 0.3
Jan.-Aug.	Fish Landings (Volume)	+ 25.3
Jan.-Aug.	Fish Landings (Value)	+ 17.5



THE NEW BRUNSWICK ECONOMY

Summary

The New Brunswick economy in 1968 is exhibiting several basic strengths and relatively few weaknesses. After three quarters of the year the output of the primary sector, personal incomes, consumer expenditures and residential construction continued to record significant increases over 1967. On the other hand, such things as a lower level of new capital investment and a flattening out in mining production were reflected in increased unemployment.

The gross provincial product is expected to have increased about 7.2% in 1968, reaching a level of $1,370 million. Price increases are expected to account for 3.5% of this, leaving a real increase of 3.7%. In Canada as a whole, real growth is expected to be slightly higher than this level at 4% to 4.5%.

The main impetus this year has been a substantial increase in wages and salaries and higher retail sales. After seven months of 1968, total wages and salaries were up 8.9%, retail trade, 8.0%. The average of weekly wages and salaries after eight months was up 5.3%

from 1967, to $89.35 from $84.89. The current year has proved to be a good one for passenger vehicle sales after two years of relative decline. Through three quarters of 1968, 14.3% more cars had been sold than in the comparable 1967 period. Life insurance sales continued to climb, having increased 11.2% after eight months.

In the primary sector substantial gains were registered by the agricultural and fishing industries. The effects of a relatively good crop year are reflected in a 7.7% increase in farm cash receipts through the first nine months of 1968. Conditions in the fishing industry have also been excellent. The volume and value of nearly all species, particularly herring, lobster and the Queen Crab are up. Through eight months fish landings increased 25.3% in volume and 17.7% in value. If weather conditions hold next year these industries can reasonably expect similar good gains in 1969.

The expected increase in mining production in 1968 did not materialize as a result of sticky lead and zinc prices and lower than expected production at the Heathe Steel Mine. In the woods industry, pulpwood production stood at 1093.2 thousand cunits after nine months, up 5.1% from the 1967 level of production.

The manufacturing industry is doing well in 1968. Through seven months of the year the gross value

of manufacturing shipments had increased 6.4%. Much of the increase is expected to have been in food processing as a result of a good year in the agricultural and fishing industries.

Residential construction is being spurred by strong housing demand, and greater availability of mortgage funds. After three quarters of 1968 the number of new housing starts stood at 2,256, up 12.7% from the 1967 level. The number of units completed was up 4.2% in the same period and the value of building permits was up 11.7% to $34,957 thousand, reflecting the increased rate of housebuilding. The value of construction contracts was down 11.9% after ten months, clearly reflecting the absence of such large construction projects as Mactaquac.

The New Brunswick population (626,000 on October 1) continues to grow very slowly, having increased only 0.5% from October, 1967 to October, 1968. In Canada as a whole the population increased 1.3% over the same period. Despite the fact that the population is growing slowly the labour force is growing rapidly, reflecting the influx of young people into the work force. After ten months the Provincial labour force stood at 208 thousand, an increase of 2.5% from the 1967 level. During this time employment increased only 1.6%, resulting in an increase in the unemployment rate from 7.0% to 7.3%. Unemployment insurance benefits payments were up 11.0%.

The amount of electricity used was up 10.4% after nine months while the amount of electricity produced by the N.B.E.P.C. was up 8.4%. Activity at the port of Saint John was down 3.2%, January to October. This decrease can be attributed largely to a lower volume of wheat shipments through the port during the grain handlers strike on the Great Lakes.

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(I) POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

Table 1 - Population
(thousands)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	n.a.	616,000	618,000	623,000
April	n.a.	616,000	619,000	624,000
June	615,000	617,000	620,000	624,000
July	n.a.	617,000	621,000	625,000
October	n.a.	617,000	623,000	626,000
% change (Oct./Oct.)			(+1.0)	(+0.5)

Source: D.B.S. 11-003.

Table 2 - Marriages
(number)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	188	177	184	258
February	239	221	213	174
March	163	148	240	249
April	282	379	315	294
May	386	367	421	426
June	432	518	544	459
July	753	812	863	651
August	646	638	724	778
September	530	556	712	752
October	518	576	500	500
November	372	393	386	
December	257	380	350	
Total	4,766	5,165	5,452	
% change (Jan.-Oct.)	(+4.0)	(+6.2)	(+7.4)	(-3.7)

Sources: D.B.S. 11-003 & 84-202.

Table 3 - Births
(number)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	1,165	1,050	1,011	1,145
February	1,119	1,017	932	844
March	1,241	1,094	1,084	1,084
April	1,199	1,073	1,102	963
May	1,225	1,144	1,085	1,129
June	1,245	1,066	1,072	946
July	1,233	1,050	1,088	965
August	1,264	1,138	1,019	915
September	1,153	1,155	1,060	838
October	1,168	968	1,003	979
November	1,050	953	947	
December	1,113	1,014	950	
Total	14,175	12,722	12,353	
% change (Jan.-Oct.)	(-6.9)	(-10.5)	(-2.8)	(-6.2)

Sources: D.B.S. 11-003 & 84-202.

Table 4 - Deaths
(number)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	393	391	446	506
February	363	381	378	427
March	392	392	412	500
April	439	412	367	362
May	397	426	389	464
June	369	373	416	370
July	377	368	444	303
August	414	412	423	359
September	405	375	413	442
October	417	416	404	371
November	387	412	386	
December	357	413	416	
Total	4,710	4,771	4,894	
% change (Jan.-Oct.)	(+0.7)	(-0.5)	(+3.7)	(+0.3)

Sources: D.B.S. 11-003 & 84-202.

(II) LABOUR

Table 5 - Total Wages and Salaries*
(million dollars)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	39.6	45.5	49.9	53.8
February	40.1	45.5	49.3	53.3
March	40.5	45.9	49.7	54.1
April	39.5	46.9	49.2	54.6
May	42.3	48.6	50.8	56.3
June	44.2	51.7	54.9	58.6
July	44.7	51.7	55.6	
August	45.8	50.9	56.1	
September	47.5	51.0	57.0	
October	46.6	51.3	56.6	
November	46.2	51.0	55.1	
December	44.6	49.8	53.7	
Total	521.6	589.8	637.9	
% change (Jan.-June)	(+10.2)	(+15.4)	(+6.9)	(+8.9)

Source: D.B.S. 72-005.
*Covers only firms with 20 or more employees.

Table 6 - Average Weekly Wages and Salaries*
(dollars)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	74.76	78.99	84.93	90.96
February	76.63	80.51	85.71	91.04
March	76.30	79.87	86.48	91.36
April	74.99	80.93	86.28	89.40
May	73.21	78.94	83.09	87.19
June	72.57	78.71	84.43	87.47
July	73.78	80.35	83.93	87.58
August	73.26	72.40	84.23	87.80p
September	75.08	79.76	86.06	
October	76.13	79.77	86.59	
November	75.57	80.60	85.85	
December	74.85	80.30	85.68	
Average	74.76	79.26	85.27	
% change (Jan.-Aug.)	(+5.5)	(+5.9)	(+7.7)	(+5.0)

Sources: D.B.S. 72-001 & 72-002.
*Covers only firms with 20 or more employees.

Table 7 - Employment Index (seasonally adjusted)*
(1961 = 100)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	105.2	113.6	116.0	114.4
February	106.0	113.2	114.5	114.2
March	107.7	114.7	115.0	116.5
April	108.2	119.0	116.5	120.1
May	108.6	116.4	114.6	119.0
June	109.2	117.5	115.9	116.8
July	111.4	116.8	118.7	116.6
August	111.1	114.9	118.4	116.2p
September	111.2	113.2	118.1	
October	111.5	113.9	117.9	
November	113.1	114.1	116.1	
December	111.9	115.5	116.0	
Average	109.7	115.2	116.5	
% change (Jan.-Aug.)	(+4.1)	(+6.8)	(+0.4)	(+0.5)

Source: D.B.S. 72-002.
*Covers only firms with 20 or more employees.

Table 8 - Unemployment Insurance Benefits Payments
(thousand dollars)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	2,197	2,041	2,114	2,775
February	2,524	2,630	2,420	3,225
March	3,528	2,858	3,120	3,022
April	2,291	2,424	3,167	2,914
May	1,989	1,736	2,243	2,248
June	759	593	681	724
July	446	554	593	481
August	401	484	480	847
September	391	486	422	678
October	358	594	510	
November	541	668	616	
December	1,145	1,134	1,021	
Total	16,570	16,202	17,387	
% change (Jan.-Sept.)	(-2.0)	(-5.0)	(+10.4)	(+11.0)

Source: D.B.S. 73-001.

Table 9 - Labour Force, Employment and Unemployment
(thousands)

Month	Labour Force			Employment			Unemployment			Unemployment Rate		
	1966	1967	1968	1966	1967	1968	1966	1967	1968	1966	1967	1968
January	198	193	200	178	175	178	20	18	22	10.1	9.3	11.0
February	200	193	196	176	171	176	24	22	20	12.0	11.4	10.2
March	201	194	197	177	172	174	24	22	23	11.9	11.3	11.7
April	199	195	201	180	173	179	19	22	22	9.5	11.3	10.9
May	203	199	208	188	185	196	15	14	12	7.4	7.0	5.8
June	205	206	214	197	197	204	8	9	10	3.9	4.4	4.7
July	213	217	221	204	208	211	9	9	10	4.2	4.1	4.5
August	216	216	220	209	208	210	7	8	10	3.2	3.7	4.5
September	205	210	217	197	203	208	8	7	9	3.9	3.3	4.1
October	203	211	207	194	203	195	9	8	12	4.4	3.8	5.8
November	201	208		192	196		9	12		4.5	5.8	
December	200	205		187	191		13	14		6.5	6.8	
Average	204	204		190	190		14	14		6.8	6.8	
% change (Jan.-Oct.)	(+2.0)	(-0.4)	(+2.3)	(+3.1)	(-0.3)	(+1.9)	(-11.2)	(-2.8)	(+7.9)	(-14.0)	(-1.3)	(+5.2)

Source: D.B.S. 71-001.

(III) PRIMARY INDUSTRY

Table 10 - Farm Cash Receipts From Farming Operations
(thousand dollars)

Quarter	1965	1966	1967	1968
1st Quarter	15,456	13,978	11,201	11,070
2nd Quarter	17,070	14,572	10,776	12,610
3rd Quarter	12,186	11,927	13,305	
4th Quarter	15,681	13,283	13,545	
Total	60,393	53,760	48,827	
% change (1Q.-2Q.)	(+50.4)	(-12.2)	(-23.0)	(+7.7)

Source: D.B.S. 21-001.

Table 11 - Sources of Farm Cash Receipts
(thousand dollars)

	1965	1966	1967
(A) Field Crops			
Potatoes	25,788	16,072	10,260
Fruits	1,573	2,121	2,114
Vegetables	1,083	1,217	1,101
Oats	306	298	276
Other Crops*	1,352	1,140	1,002
Sub-total	30,102	20,848	14,753
(B) Livestock and Livestock Products			
Dairy Products	11,443	11,394	11,610
Cattle and Calves	7,315	7,966	7,637
Eggs	3,654	4,191	3,539
Hogs	3,093	3,363	2,731
Poultry	2,382	3,210	3,384
Sheep and Lambs	255	216	188
Other	469	475	494
Sub-total	28,611	30,815	29,583
(C) Forest and Maple Products	1,402	1,400	1,427

Source: D.B.S. 21-001.
*Receipts from the sale of tobacco are included with "other crops" because less than three firms reporting.

Table 12 - Pulpwood Production-Domestic Use
(thousand cunits)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	48.4	46.3	90.5	84.9
February	66.1	30.7	63.9	69.2
March	31.3	30.6	67.1	44.5
April	18.3	25.9	34.5	15.6
May	62.4	26.5	51.7	75.3
June	114.1	162.8	146.5	197.0
July	144.3	150.7	217.8	206.5
August	120.3	125.5	200.9	232.9
September	140.3	140.8	167.2	167.3
October	95.4	172.5	107.4	
November	84.5	131.8	149.9	
December	73.7	113.7	155.5	
Total	999.1	1,157.8	1,452.9	
% change (Jan.-Sept.)	(-14.2)	(-1.8)	(+40.6)	(+5.1)

Source: D.B.S. 25-001.

Table 13 - Coal Production
(thousand tons)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	78.5	80.2	78.7	70.9
February	78.6	73.4	57.2	63.5
March	82.4	72.5	76.3	61.2
April	81.4	67.1	72.1	58.4
May	81.6	69.1	64.4	63.2
June	78.6	61.1	71.4	58.5
July	74.4	66.2	67.8	69.8
August	84.3	85.4	83.6	70.3
September	86.1	90.0	70.7	60.6
October	92.8	81.4	69.2	
November	89.3	80.4	65.0	
December	88.4	71.5	61.5	
Total	996.4	898.3	837.9	
Strip	853.1	752.8	716.5	
Shaft	143.2	145.7	121.2	
% change (Jan.-Sept.)	(-2.4)	(-8.4)	(-3.4)	(-10.2)

Source: D.B.S. 45-002.

Table 14 - Volume of Fish Landings
(thousand pounds)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	8,255	1,853	4,640	2,940
February	3,968	1,840	12,775	11,672
March	6,965	4,967	579	18,664
April	3,890	11,003	7,334	16,344
May	45,838	34,326	20,307	43,785
June	34,917	35,235	32,309	34,708
July	37,004	54,409	79,312	65,828
August	46,931	46,130	56,368	73,789
September	43,563	62,095	52,412	
October	33,567	49,610	29,792	
November	15,862	11,315	28,434	
December	10,077	33,455	30,796	
Total	290,837	346,238	355,058	
% change (Jan.-Aug.)	(+16.2)	(+1.1)	(+12.6)	(+25.3)

Source: D.B.S. 24-002.

Table 15 - Value of Fish Landings
(thousand dollars)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	233	98	149	100
February	165	119	279	259
March	183	139	25	346
April	164	317	177	352
May	1,501	1,227	843	1,594
June	1,735	1,543	1,558	1,771
July	1,103	1,702	2,335	1,629
August	2,117	1,661	1,438	1,944
September	1,298	1,740	1,487	
October	923	1,103	1,107	
November	683	733	780	
December	443	613	610	
Total	10,548	10,995	10,788	
% change (Jan.-Aug.)	(+5.6)	(-5.5)	(0.0)	(+17.5)

Sources: D.B.S. 24-002 and N.B. Department of Fisheries.

Table 16 - Volume of Lobster Catch*
(thousand pounds)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	33	19	21	7
February	11	6	4	5
March	12	4	2	1
April	37	40	14	9
May	1,233	1,148	713	1,360
June	1,138	1,009	1,203	1,051
July	95	434	611	66
August	1,832	1,404	706	894
September	802	977	907	
October	285	376	533	
November	382	444	282	
December	253	258	172	
Total	6,113	6,119	5,168	
% change (Jan.-Aug.)	(-9.3)	(-7.4)	(-19.4)	(+3.6)

Sources: D.B.S. 24-002 and N.B. Department of Fisheries.
*Lobsters are also included in the Fish Landings series.

Table 17 - Value of Lobster Catch*
(thousand dollars)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	30	18	16	7
February	12	6	4	6
March	13	4	2	1
April	31	28	14	9
May	720	618	445	828
June	694	571	723	660
July	59	238	371	39
August	1,031	730	443	590
September	457	511	588	
October	161	196	350	
November	335	332	227	
December	233	193	148	
Total	3,776	3,445	3,331	
% change (Jan.-Aug.)	(-6.8)	(-14.6)	(-8.8)	(+6.0)

Sources: D.B.S. 24-002 and N.B. Department of Fisheries.
*Lobsters are also included in the Fish Landings series.

(IV) MANUFACTURING

Table 18 - Gross Value of Manufacturing Shipments
(thousand dollars)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	34,867	38,270	41,066	42,596
February	35,764	37,878	39,294	42,710
March	42,154	41,073	43,988	44,649
April	42,103	39,964	41,205	46,035
May	42,511	46,058	47,122	54,302
June	49,114	50,336	51,134	51,247
July	44,945	51,532	47,486	49,656
August	45,905	49,911	48,742	
September	46,737	46,211	47,774	
October	44,033	44,266	47,484	
November	43,390	45,102	48,943	
December	41,196	43,841	42,895	
Total	512,719	534,442	547,133	
% change (Jan.-July)	(+1.4)	(+4.7)	(+2.0)	(+6.4)

Source: D.B.S. 31-001.

Table 19 - Pulp and Paper Production Index
(1953 Quarterly Average = 100)

Quarter	1965	1966	1967	1968
1st Quarter	166.0	177.9	187.4	183.7
2nd Quarter	172.0	185.2	171.5	193.6
3rd Quarter	166.3	182.9	177.3	183.5
4th Quarter	175.7	190.7	188.4	
% change (3Q.-3Q.)	(+17.8)	(+8.3)	(-1.8)	(+4.6)

Source: Based on data from the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association.

Table 20 - Sawn Lumber Production
(million feet, board measure)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	18.3	18.4	15.4	20.1
February	19.3	20.6	21.3	13.2
March	21.8	22.6	23.5	21.7
April	15.8	15.3	20.2	15.5
May	14.2	17.9	12.8	18.3
June	22.1	26.7	22.0	20.6
July	20.1	25.8	23.7	18.6
August	21.9	27.0	24.2	25.5
September	20.3	17.7	19.5	18.6
October	21.7	21.7	20.9	
November	14.3	16.2	12.6	
December	24.7	17.9	17.5	
Total	234.5	247.8	233.6	
% change (Jan.-Sept.)	(-39.0)	(+10.5)	(-4.9)	(-5.8)

Source: D.B.S. 35-002.

(V) UTILITIES

Table 21 - Net Electric Energy Used*
(million kilowatt hours)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	238	258	290	311
February	226	236	230	296
March	247	258	300	307
April	231	246	271	292
May	239	255	267	299
June	233	248	243	280
July	231	247	254	278
August	235	261	266	284
September	238	251	264	285
October	260	286	291	
November	252	284	287	
December	254	296	305	
Total	2,884	3,126	3,268	
% change (Jan.-Sept.)	(+22.4)	(+6.7)	(+5.5)	(+10.4)

Source: D.B.S. 57-001.

*This series is based on a sample by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Thus the monthly values do not aggregate to the correct annual totals, which may be found in D.B.S. 57-202.

Table 22 - Net Electricity Provided by NBEPC For Consumption
(million kilowatt hours)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	176	206	246	267
February	187	186	226	246
March	190	200	241	253
April	184	187	227	243
May	177	199	225	242
June	175	191	202	238
July	172	196	213	223
August	179	207	229	249
September	183	207	215	237
October	199	226	245	261
November	191	230	239	
December	199	233	246	
Total	2,212	2,468	2,754	
% change (Jan.-Oct.)	(+29.4)	(+10.0)	(+13.2)	(+8.4)

Source: The New Brunswick Electric Power Commission.

Table 23 - Long Distance Calls Originating in New Brunswick
(thousands)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	468	535	620	706
February	443	505	580	653
March	516	572	653	682
April	515	560	617	678
May	551	611	704	748
June	575	637	717	731
July	614	668	753	858
August	632	725	779	865
September	583	660	718	761
October	573	649	721	795
November	574	641	697	
December	590	668	717	
Total	6,634	7,431	8,276	
% change (Jan.-Oct.)	(+15.2)	(+11.9)	(+12.1)	(+9.0)

Source: The New Brunswick Telephone Company Limited.

Table 24 - Telephones in Service
(thousands)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	162	174	185	196
February	163	175	187	197
March	163	175	187	198
April	165	176	188	199
May	166	178	188	201
June	167	179	190	202
July	168	181	191	203
August	169	181	192	203
September	170	182	194	205
October	171	183	195	206
November	172	183	195	
December	173	184	195	
% change (Oct./Oct.)	(+6.9)	(+7.0)	(+6.6)	(+5.6)

Source: The New Brunswick Telephone Company Limited.

(VI) CONSTRUCTION

Table 25 - Construction Contracts Awarded*
(thousand dollars)

(A) Total

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	3,715	604	3,772	8,857
February	2,412	1,841	344	217
March	4,192	1,839	5,322	854
April	6,854	545	1,571	3,551
May	3,651	5,797	6,187	2,666
June	10,775	7,809	7,601	10,791
July	4,755	9,438	3,403	5,447
August	6,000	1,382	7,605	2,880
September	5,086	4,152	12,781	6,222
October	2,841	6,583	6,854	7,350
November	3,477	5,900	5,900	
December	1,944	2,737	3,468	
Total	55,702	48,627	64,808	
% change (Jan.-Oct.)	(-23.0)	(-20.5)	(+38.6)	(-11.9)

(B) 1968 Breakdown

Month	Residential	Business	Industrial	Engineering	Institutional
January	990	1,439	-	2,809	3,620
February	38	24	100	-	50
March	164	243	-	-	447
April	1,228	1,230	-	287	907
May	856	1,088	6	267	448
June	1,672	132	206	2,485	6,297
July	1,450	2,268	-	1,469	260
August	240	294	94	1,082	1,171
September	1,480	1,734	8	323	2,660
October	1,718	440	1,017	759	3,416
November					
December					
Total					
% change (Jan.-Oct.)	(+72.8)	(+19.1)	(-35.0)	(-53.7)	(-1.7)

Source: Southam Building Guide.
*Based mainly on a survey of large engineering projects.

Table 26 - Housing Starts and Houses Under Construction (All Areas)
(number)

Quarter	1965	1966	1967	1968
(A) Starts				
1st Quarter	88	258	174	172
2nd Quarter	1,044	853	875	932
3rd Quarter	1,011	782	952	1,152
4th Quarter	686	637	545	
Total	2,829	2,530	2,546	
% change (1Q.-3Q.)	(+9.4)	(-11.7)	(+5.7)	(+12.7)
(B) Under Construction				
1st Quarter	1,215	1,312	997	1,035
2nd Quarter	1,810	1,355	1,375	1,445
3rd Quarter	2,206	1,625	1,806	1,873
4th Quarter	1,901	1,428	1,506	
Total	7,132	5,720	5,684	
% change (1Q.-3Q.)	(+49.6)	(-18.0)	(-2.7)	(+4.2)

Source: D.B.S. 64-002.

Table 27 - Building Permits Issued*
(thousand dollars)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	1,146	713	1,004	2,098
February	1,894	1,541	436	853
March	5,028	4,937	1,483	5,759
April	3,926	2,769	5,173	4,048
May	3,826	8,819	6,630	6,897
June	5,580	3,000	10,620	9,709
July	29,738	4,239	5,941	5,593
August	5,907	3,811	4,817	
September	5,814	5,937	4,996	
October	5,738	5,096	4,220	
November	2,832	2,041	7,622	
December	1,117	3,024	6,710	
Total	72,546	45,927	59,652	
% change (Jan.-July)	(+102.4)	(-49.1)	(+20.3)	(+11.7)

Source: D.B.S. 64-001.
*Does not cover engineering projects (roads, bridges, dams, etc.) nor non-urban construction.

(VII) TRADE AND FINANCE

Table 28 - Value of Retail Trade
(thousand dollars)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	37,181	39,829	41,264	45,072
February	35,071	36,933	36,551	42,462
March	44,835	46,917	45,779	47,764
April	47,526	48,792	48,397	50,932
May	49,256	47,629	53,347	60,244
June	48,747	48,795	54,396	56,422
July	50,645	49,736	52,585	57,178
August	43,119	44,855	47,056	52,859
September	44,212	46,634	51,372	52,100
October	49,196	50,864	51,798	
November	49,213	52,599	56,485	
December	59,622	66,607	64,197	
Total	558,623	580,190	603,227	
% change (Jan.-Sept.)	(+9.7)	(+2.3)	(+5.0)	(+8.0

Source: D.B.S. 63-005.

Table 29 - Consumer Price Index (Saint John)
(1949 = 100)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	135.5	137.8	143.0	147.7
February	135.6	138.7	143.3	147.9
March	135.9	138.8	143.5	148.3
April	136.1	139.7	144.0	148.8
May	136.4	139.8	143.9	149.3
June	137.6	140.8	144.4	150.0
July	138.0	140.9	144.6	150.9
August	137.8	141.8	145.9	151.4
September	137.5	141.9	145.7	151.3
October	137.1	141.7	145.7	150.7
November	137.6	141.5	145.7	
December	138.2	141.8	146.6	
Average Index	136.9	140.4	144.7	
% change (Oct./Oct.)	(+1.9)	(+3.4)	(+2.8)	(+3.4)

Source: D.B.S. 62-002.

Table 30 - Cheques Cashed in Clearing Houses
(million dollars)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	289.4	340.3	410.3	412.2
February	290.7	316.6	364.2	374.3
March	317.2	342.9	400.7	411.0
April	324.6	372.9	446.2	404.4
May	320.2	383.3	424.0	452.4
June	315.5	395.6	407.4	404.5
July	325.9	358.4	400.0	414.5
August	352.3	376.4	451.1	401.0
September	348.9	359.4	387.2	406.9
October	308.0	355.4	419.9	
November	337.9	383.1	444.8	
December	345.8	398.4	381.8	
Total	3,876.4	4,382.7	4,937.6	
% change (Jan.-Sept.)	(+16.0)	(+12.5)	(+13.7)	(-0.3)

Source: D.B.S. 61-001.

Table 31 - Number of New Motor Vehicle Sales*

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
(A) All Vehicles				
January	1,233	1,649	1,284	1,307
February	1,494	1,684	1,044	1,441
March	2,101	2,958	1,790	2,146
April	2,689	2,528	1,975	2,061
May	2,561	2,180	2,507	2,800
June	2,581	1,940	2,293	2,603
July	1,830	1,717	1,569	2,150
August	1,924	1,593	1,612	1,713
September	1,148	1,119	1,255	1,303
October	1,762	1,850	1,602	
November	1,637	1,657	1,588	
December	1,701	2,307	1,319	
Total	22,661	23,182	19,838	
% change (Jan.-Sept.)	(+12.7)	(-1.1)	(-11.7)	(+14.3)

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Table 31 - (Continued)*

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
(B) Passenger Vehicles				
January	997	1,338	1,047	1,022
February	1,218	1,424	809	1,172
March	1,781	2,563	1,514	1,794
April	2,320	2,103	1,680	1,764
May	2,183	1,814	2,122	2,331
June	2,108	1,600	1,904	2,150
July	1,477	1,459	1,249	1,752
August	1,601	1,299	1,251	1,381
September	959	947	981	1,031
October	1,503	1,574	1,277	
November	1,323	1,426	1,299	
December	1,406	1,897	1,040	
Total	18,876	19,444	16,173	
% change (Jan.-Sept.)	(+12.9)	(-0.7)	(-13.7)	(+14.7)
(C) Commercial Vehicles				
January	236	311	237	285
February	276	260	235	269
March	320	395	276	352
April	369	425	295	297
May	378	366	385	469
June	473	340	389	453
July	353	258	320	398
August	323	294	361	332
September	189	172	274	272
October	259	276	325	
November	314	231	289	
December	295	410	278	
Total	3,785	3,738	3,664	
% change (Jan.-Sept.)	(+11.9)	(-3.3)	(-1.7)	(+12.8)

Source: D.B.S. 63-007.

*Data on Value of Motor Vehicle Sales for 1967 are being computed on a new base and are no longer comparable with pre- 1967 data. Therefore, only the Number of Motor Vehicles are shown.

Table 32 - Life Insurance Sales
(million dollars)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	8.6	8.9	11.0	10.5
February	12.1	13.3	12.7	15.2
March	12.5	12.2	12.4	15.5
April	11.7	12.3	13.1	14.2
May	12.7	13.1	13.3	14.4
June	13.0	12.6	14.9	16.0
July	11.0	11.4	11.5	13.6
August	10.9	11.6	12.0	12.8
September	11.3	13.0	12.2	
October	12.7	14.4	14.8	
November	14.5	14.2	17.2	
December	11.5	13.7	14.6	
Total	142.5	150.7	159.7	
% change (Jan.-Aug.)	(+22.0)	(+3.1)	(+5.8)	(+11.2)

Source: D.B.S. 11-003.

(VIII) TRANSPORTATION AND TOURISM

Table 33 - Total Tourist Car Entries
(number)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
June	116,575	131,007	136,292	151,357
July	224,946	258,266	259,452	283,086
August	206,663	232,829	231,384	278,797
September	130,300	141,107	146,137	147,979
Total	678,484	763,209	773,265	861,219
% change (June-Sept.)	(+4.5)	(+12.5)	(+1.3)	(+11.4)

Source: New Brunswick Travel Bureau

Table 34 - Railway Freight Loaded at Points in New Brunswick
(thousand tons)

Quarter	1965	1966	1967	1968
1st Quarter	1,300.8	1,144.2	1,324.8	1,245.0
2nd Quarter	1,227.0	1,239.5	1,213.5	
3rd Quarter	955.0	1,147.6	1,072.0	
4th Quarter	1,079.3	1,234.8	1,154.5	
Total	4,562.1	4,766.1	4,764.8	
% change (1 Q.)	(+8.9)	(-12.0)	(+15.8)	(-6.0)

Source: D.B.S. 52-002.

Table 35 - Railway Freight Unloaded at Points in New Brunswick
(thousand tons)

Quarter	1965	1966	1967	1968
1st Quarter	1,771.7	1,763.0	1,807.2	1,580.8
2nd Quarter	1,483.4	1,331.1	1,292.3	
3rd Quarter	1,018.2	1,137.2	1,051.3	
4th Quarter	1,173.3	1,271.3	1,180.7	
Total	5,446.6	5,502.6	5,331.5	
% change (1 Q.)	(+4.2)	(-0.5)	(+2.5)	(-12.5)

Source: D.B.S. 52-002.

Table 36 - Total Port Traffic - Saint John Harbour
(thousand cargo tons)

Month	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	725.2	723.5	813.6	694.5
February	738.8	730.8	550.3	585.6
March	749.4	825.2	828.2	769.5
April	425.3	462.9	444.1	528.8
May	357.4	448.7	386.8	378.7
June	504.7	433.4	394.3	437.4
July	394.0	459.4	367.9	384.9
August	416.2	473.6	400.7	431.2
September	382.9	447.7	316.0	246.7
October	432.9	329.7	441.1	329.5
November	441.8	542.5	458.8	
December	546.4	591.2	503.6	
Total	6,115.0	6,468.6	5,905.4	
% change (Jan.-Oct.)	(-2.3)	(+4.1)	(-7.3)	(-3.2)

Source: National Harbours Board, Port of Saint John.

Table 37 - Port Traffic - Saint John Harbour
(thousand cargo tons)

Month	Incoming Traffic			Outgoing Traffic		
	1967	1968	% Change	1967	1968	% Change
January	337.6	425.2	+25.9	476.0	269.3	- 43.4
February	219.1	236.0	+ 7.7	331.2	349.6	+ 5.6
March	378.4	439.1	+16.0	449.8	330.4	- 26.5
April	278.7	278.0	- 0.3	165.4	250.8	+ 51.6
May	251.6	241.7	- 3.9	135.2	137.0	+ 1.3
June	238.2	316.9	+33.0	156.2	120.5	- 22.9
July	220.6	293.8	+33.2	147.3	91.1	- 38.2
August	285.0	334.1	+17.2	115.7	97.1	- 16.1
September	230.2	130.0	-43.5	85.8	116.7	+ 36.0
October	336.4	214.4	-36.3	104.7	115.0	+ 9.8
November	300.5			158.3		
December	278.7			224.8		
Total	3,355.0			2,550.4		
% change (Jan.-Oct.)	(-1.8)	(+4.8)		(-10.4)	(-13.4)	

Source: National Harbours Board, Port of Saint John.